WASHINGTON.

Business in the Senate and House.

Grant Signals the People of the District.

The Ratification of the 16th Amendment.

Etc., Etc., Etc.

(Special Telegraphic Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.)

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Congress got to work on the routine business of the session to-day, and it proved dull enough. In the Senate Mr. Trumbull's bill to prohibit Congressmen from signing recommendations for office and making it a penal offense excited some remark and met with favor, but was laid over. An adjournment followed.

IN THE HOUSE

Mr. Butler led off with a bill for the repeal of the tenure-of-office act, which, it is said, will pass easily when a vote is reached. After some informal business, the bill to extend the Hoe press patent was taken up and killed by being tabled. The names of nearly every daily paper in the country were given as favoring the extension of the patent.

UNIFORM ELECTION.

The House Committee on Elections agreed to-day to report a bill providing that elections for Congressmen shall be held on the same day in all the States, and fixing the first Tuesday in November as the time. The bill is to go into effect in 1872.

THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The people of this District are somewhat disgusted at the President's omission to say a word about the District of Columbia in his message. There has not been a Presidential message for twenty years in which the District has not been kindly commended to Congress for appropriation, &c., and the omission now is regarded as significant enough to place the President among the friends of removal.

THE CAPITAL REMOVAL.

The St. Louis Capital movers were busy about Congress to-day distributing pamphlets, documents, &c., but no bill has yet been introduced on the subject.

THE COTTON TAX.

There was a very elaborate argument made in the Supreme Court to-day on the constitutionality of the cotton tax, which was imposed at the rate of three cents per pound three years ago, and repealed a short time since. The suit to be brought to recover from the government the amount paid on that tax, the ground that this law provided for no drawback in case of exportation, and is unconstitutional besides as a direct tax. Several millions of dollars are involved in the decision.

THE HOLIDAYS.

The talk around to-day was that an adjournment would take place for the holidays from December 15 to January 3, and that little or no important business would be transacted before that date.

THE TARIFF.

The Ways and Means Committee had another session on the tariff to-day, and will be able to report the new bill next week. The committee has decided not to allow all of the time to be taken up with visiting delegations.

THE CHINA MINISTER.

One of the Senators from Missouri has telegraphed to the friends of Minister Rice that he will be confirmed without serious opposition, but from what is stated to-day the opponents of his confirmation are sanguine of defeating him. They say they have some important facts to lay before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and it will be remembered that the committee rejected some half a dozen foreign missions nominated by Grant last session.

WESTERN MATTERS.

The following Western matters were laid before the appropriate House committees today: The memorial of Morgan, Neal & Co., and a number of other citizens of Evansville, Indiana, praying for the abolition or reduction of the duty on hides; also, the memorial of John S. Sinckey and 109 other citizens of Evansville, Indiana, making the same request; also, a petition of citizens of Michigan City, Indiana, for the removal of duties on hides.

A remonstrance of nine citizens of the Ninth district of Kentucky against the admission of Jno. W. Rice to a seat in the 41st Congress.

A MR. GANGWER,

of Ohio, it is believed, will be appointed Third Auditor, vice Clarke, resigned.

GEORGIA.

It is said that the vote of Georgia for the ratification of the fifteenth amendment is complete to-day, and that Senator Morrill's bill for the reconstruction of that State will have the effect of securing the ratification of the amendment. Bullock, the Governor, is here urging legislation in behalf of the State of the most radical character.

REVENUE.

Collectors often write to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue about persons having no property that can be seized, and doing business in their Districts without paying the special taxes imposed by law. They complain that there is no remedy except in the case of manufacturers of tobacco and dealers in liquor, for that in those cases only is imprisonment added to fine or penalty. The Commissioner, in reply, says that a bill is now before which may possibly be made effectual. They should cause the parties to be indicted, and, if convicted, they will be sentenced to pay the fine or the penalty and stand committed to jail until the orders of the courts are complied with.

COUNTERFEIT.

Another counterfeit five-dollar coupon, the issue of February 25, 1863, was detected in the Treasurer's office to-day, received from the Assistant Treasurer's office, Philadelphia. This is the first one of the kind sent from that office, although a number of counterfeit coupons have been received from New York and Boston.

THE CENSUS BILL.

The House of Representatives is evidently disposed to deal quickly with the census bill, for it to-day unanimously rescinded the order made yesterday to take up the bill after the morning hour to-morrow, and then determined to take it up immediately after the reading of the journal, and consider it from day to day until disposed of.

VOTING MACHINES.

Some twenty additional numbering machines have been ordered for the printing bureaus of the Treasury Department in order to facilitate the issue of the legal-tender notes, and are being put up as fast as completed.

RECTIFIERS.

The total number of rectifiers in the United States, as shown by the reports of the Internal Revenue Bureau, on the 6th inst., was 1,704, and the number is daily increasing.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The President sent to the Senate for confirmation this afternoon a large number of nominations and appointments, made during the recess of Congress, but before his private secretary could reach the capitol the Senate had adjourned, consequently the nominations were the following: Chas. J. Folger, Assistant Treasurer at New York. Surveyors of Customs—John Dutzler, at Velasco; Chas. D. Smith, at Pascagoula, Ky.; Adam Wolf, at Nashville, Tennessee; Wells Bailey, at St. Louis. Collectors of Customs—Nathan Patton, district of Pearl river, Miss.; Hiram A Bant, supervisor for Michigan, and Jas. R. McLean, of Chicago. Also the nomination of Charles Nelson as Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans.

SOCIETY.

M. Paul Gerard, a brother-in-law of the Portugese Minister, was married to-night at the residence of Rt. Rev. Bishop Keane to Miss Bell Hornlay, the daughter of a famous colored caterer of this city.

HON. READBURN W. CLARK

left to-day for Batavia, Ohio, and will immediately enter upon his duties as Supervisor of the Southern District.

MR. J. W. DWYER,

the Supervisor for the Northern District, leaves to-morrow.

LOAN.

It is said Hon. Ben. F. Loan, of Missouri, is disappointed at the appointment of Judge Black, as first wanted to be Judge of the Missouri Circuit, but finds he cannot reach that position.

(To the Associated Press.)

VIRGINIA AFFAIRS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—This morning Senators Johnson and Lewis, together with members elect of the House here in Washington, and several members of both branches of the Virginia Legislature, Conservative and Radical, called upon the President to pay their respects and thank him for the recommendation in his message concerning that Commonwealth. The Senators made brief addresses to this effect, and also expressed a hope that the people of Virginia would in future, as now, take his support and approbation. The President returned thanks for the compliment, and trusted the conduct of the State would justify him in his recommendation for her restoration to all the rights conferred on all the members of the Union.

JUDGE REEVES.

After the presentation of delegates, they requested that Judge Alexander Reeves be appointed District Judge under the new law for the Fourth district. The President replied that Judge Reeves was "too old" to which remark Senator Lewis said Reeves was sixty-seven years of age, but was in good health, bodily and mentally, and in all respects qualified for the office. The delegation then withdrew.

VISITORS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

A large number of visitors were at the Executive Mansion this morning, the majority being Senators and Representatives, nearly all of whom had interviews with the President, and congratulations concerning the message were freely expressed. Among them were Senators Morton, Cole, Thayer, Rye and Corbett; Representatives Logan, Lynch, Lawrence, Speaker Blaine, and many others. The Virginia Senators, Messrs. Lewis and Johnson, with other members of the Congressional delegation from Virginia, had an interview with the President, and expressed thanks for the recommendation in his message that Virginia be promptly admitted.

GOV. BULLOCK, OF GEORGIA,

also had a short conversation with the President.

VIRGINIA.

The Reconstruction Committee has arranged a meeting on Thursday to consider the question of the admission of Virginia.

LOUISIANA.

The Committee on Elections has appointed a sub-committee to examine and report on the testimony in the Louisiana contested election cases.

WAYS AND MEANS.

The Committee on Ways and Means received to-day a report from Mr. Kelley, of the sub-committee, which proposes to let the duties on iron stand generally as they are, but raise the duties on steel an t nickel. The indications are that the committee will propose on pig iron six or seven dollars instead of the present duty of nine dollars. The committee is unlikely to be ready to report until to-morrow.

PRESENDEN'S SUCCESSOR.

In conference of Republican members of the Senate this afternoon Mr. Morrill, of Maine, was agreed on for Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and member of the Library Committee, both held by Fessenden, deceased. Sherman to take the place of Fessenden on Foreign Committee, and Cragin becomes Chairman of the Naval Committee in place of Grimes, resigned, Anthony having declined it. The Senators above named to fill vacancies will be nominated in open Senate for formal appointment.

CORTON RETURNS.

Misconception of the estimate of the cotton crop published by the Department of Agriculture has been current in commercial circles. The highest estimate has been 2,750,000 bales. The figures in the Commissioner's report to the President are 2,700,000 bales.

COLORED NATIONAL CONVENTION.

In the National Convention of colored men to-day, a resolution was adopted that distinguished colored and white men be admitted to seats as honorary members.

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The first regular meeting of the convention proper was held this evening and was attended by a very large audience of citizens and strangers. Mr. Caleb Scudder, Mayor of the city, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, called the convention to order and introduced Colonel John W. Ray, of Indianapolis, as temporary Chairman. After prayer, the reading of the Scriptures, Rev. J. C. Toxworthy, of this city, delivered the reception address, to which Col. Ray briefly responded. Mr. Moody, of Chicago, occupied considerable time in a very interesting discussion of the Christian work.

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NEW YORK.

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He Performs Only a Christian Duty.

Grant's Message and Boutwell's Report Satisfactory.

Failure of an English Importing House.

Fraudulent Voting at the Local Election.

A Rich Case for the Scandal Mongers.

A Cuban Under Arrest at the Suit of His Mulatto Mistress.

Presbyterian Ministers Refuse to Officiate at a Funeral.

Etc. Etc., Etc.

(Special Dispatch to the Courier-Journal.)

BEECHER EXPLAINS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Henry Ward Beecher, in his card explaining the interpolations of his funeral sermon, says:

I knew personally none of the parties to this sad tragedy. I had not the vaguest notion of the facts. Those impressions, whether right or wrong, were those that a reader of man's nature proved in every way unlawful to his marriage relation; that, worn out by ill treatment, the woman left home, and announced that from then the separation, finally became de-ily fixed to her mind; that she would not return; that she not only legally, but well founded, upon the strictest moral grounds. These were my impressions. I could see that I might be differed to tell exactly on what grounds I formed them, but I did not dare any of those facts which appeared in the bar as corpus arcumens. I am not a reader or lover of scandal news, but those in whose in general I should hardly have repeated them on Mr. Richardson's side. Their declarations were unequivocal that while his conduct would not bear the test of delicacy or of prudence, it had not overstepped the bounds of Christian morality. This was the impression of men who, as I say, regard the marriage relation with the reverence which it was good that it should be. I was asked to perform what may be called a marriage ceremony between Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Tilton. In case he should ask, and death be imminent, I should be obliged to do so. Now, if you were to answer me, Ought this dying man to extend a sin precious to the woman who had been united with him in the marriage relation; ought this woman to be left without a name or support in her sorrow-separated or not, I believe that she was legally and morally free from her husband on the grounds of the strictest construction of Christianity. If the investigation which will now be conducted shall show me that I had formed wrong judgment injured Mr. Tilton, and in respect to the other parties, I shall accept the truth, and take such steps as the case may require. But no man can act upon any other knowledge, and those formed on the best light he knows at the time. Whatever changes may hereafter take place in regard to my judgment of the parties, it will not affect the fact that I acted honestly, legally and morally divorced, and that this marriage was at once an act of justice and mercy.

[Signed] HENRY WARD BEECHER.

GRANT AND BOUTWELL.

The President's message and the report of the Secretary of the Treasury were much discussed to-day. In the main they are satisfactory to the mercantile community, but do not meet with the general approval of Wall street speculators. The radical reforms in the banking system, and the progress toward specie payments, proposed by Secretary Boutwell, while they benefit merchants, won'd materially decrease the profits of National banks, and excited a feeling of hostility in Wall street. In view of these facts the action of Congress on the recommendation of President Grant and Secretary Boutwell is awaited with much interest.

FAILURE.

The failure of N. D. Falconer & Co., importers of British dry goods, is announced. Their indebtedness is entirely on the other side of the Atlantic, and no one here is affected by the suspension. The firm offer to settle on the basis of thirteen shilling and six pence sterling in the pound sterling. The house has heretofore enjoyed high credit in England.

ELECTION FRAUDS.

Before the charter election to-day for Common Council, police and civil justices a large number of fraudulent votes were cast by the opponents of Tammany. Repeaters were openly at work at the various polling places, but the police did not interfere, and only in a very few instances were arrests made.

SHOT.

Peter Burke notorious as a drift rioter, was shot this morning by an aldermanic candidate named Donohue, but this afternoon he was around at the polls endeavoring to get his ballots in. Of course the entire Tammany ticket was voted with the exception of the Eighth Judiciary District, where Thomas A. Ledwith, Tammany Democrat, has a majority of votes. The Republicans in several of the wards had no candidate in the field.

LOCOMOTION IMPEDED.

Locomotion in the city since last night's snow-storm is exceedingly difficult. Great indignation exists against the various horse car companies for not running a sufficient number of cars and for not being prepared to overcome the difficulties of the first snow-storm of the season. The demand for an underground railroad is louder than ever.

SCAN MAG.

A mulatto woman named Annie McGaffin, formerly a slave in Tennessee, to-day caused the arrest of a wealthy Cuban named Aspiazu and his sister Mrs. Lutu, governess and servant named Mauvilla, charging them with an assault and battery upon her person, and claiming damages therefor in the sum of $5,000. Early last summer she hired out to Mr. Gaves as a laundress, at 147 East Thirty-ninth street. There she was outraged by Copertio, and was informed that she was hired to become his mistress. This she refused for a time to do, but, according to the affidavit, she and Copertio had frequent illicit intercourse. Copertio, subsequently, she charges, performed an abortion on her. On the 28th of November she discovered Copertio making love to Mauvilla, the domestic, and upon upbraiding him she was set upon and severely beaten. The case is creating a good deal of excitement in Cuban circles, where all the parties are well known.

MONETARY.

The gold market opened at 133¼ declined to 133⅛, advanced to 133¾ and closed at 3 P. M. at 133⅝. After the board adjourned the quotations were: 133⅛ to 133⅝ at the close.

BONDS.

The Government bond market was quiet at the opening owing to the fall in gold and a slight reaction in the London market. In the evening prices improved, in consequence of an advance in bonds at London and the rise in gold here.

STOCKS.

The stock market was generally firm throughout the day, with an advance in prices. Toward the close the advance was most marked, and the greatest activity in Northwestern, Rock Island, Lake Shore, St. Paul, and Reading. Southern States' securities were steady and quiet. Tennessee, Louisiana, and the Assistant Treasurer to-day received bids to the amount of $4,467,000 for the $1,000,000 Government gold. The prices ranged from 132 26-100 to 132 80-100.

FUNERAL OF A NOTED CHARACTER.

The funeral of John J. Eckel, so prominently mixed up in the Burdell murder case in this city, and who died a few days ago at Albany, took place to-day. Eckel, during his lifetime, was a member of the Presbyterian church, and gave time and money to its support. It was intended by his friends that when the body arrived in the city it be taken to the Presbyterian Church, at Twenty-ninth street and Madison avenue, but when the pastor heard the name of the deceased he refused to permit the funeral there. The body was then taken to the office of an undertaker on Fourth avenue. Several clergymen of the same denomination were walked upon, but all refused to officiate. At last, after scouring the neighborhood, his friends got a Mr. McAllister, the pastor of a Methodist Church on Thirty-second street. He visited the remains and said the prayers, after which the body was taken to Greenwood. Among those present were two ladies dressed in solemn black from head to foot. Their appearance attracted much attention, and it was supposed that they were Mrs. Cunningham and her daughter, with whom the deceased at one time boarded on Bond place, where the Burdell murder took place.

(To the Associated Press.)

THE ELECTIONS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The election for Mayor, Aldermen, assistant Aldermen, Police Justices, Civil Justices and School Trustees passed off quietly to-day, without any disturbance of importance. Little interest was manifested in the result by the majority of the citizens. The vote was light. Tammany was victorious in every quarter. Mayor Hall will continue in office two years more. Several arrests were made for attempts at illegal voting.

THE DRAWBACK FRAUDS.

District Attorney Pierrepont is in Washington for the purpose of consulting the President in regard to the drawback frauds, the Spanish gunboat difficulty, and other matters.

THE GUNBOATS

will probably be released on Wednesday.

ARRIVED.

The steamship Nevada, from Liverpool, has arrived.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

The Republicans elected five Aldermen and one Assistant Alderman, out of the twenty-one members chosen to each board. The only features of interest are the election of Florence Scannell, who was shot a few days ago in a riot, but is recovering, as Alderman, over the Tammany candidate; and Thomas Leiwith, Democrat, elected Judge of the Tammanany candidate, as Police Judge, in the Eighth District.

THE PRESS ON THE MESSAGE.

The Herald says Grant's message is that of an honest, clear-headed, practical man. In the reconstruction business he simply looks to the execution of the laws. His plea for the funding of the debt and gradual return to specie payments will meet with the general approbation of the country. It considers the message non-committal on Cuban affairs. It is a good business message.

The Times says the message is one of good views throughout.

The World says: "This is the weakest message ever sent to Congress by an American President." It considers that the message settles the Cuban insurrection against the patriots, and on financial affairs it is too quixotic and chimerical for serious considerations.

The Tribune regards the message as one of the wisest and most judicious ever transmitted to Congress, and predicts its hearty approval by the American people.

FOREIGN.

(BY OCEAN CABLE.)

ENGLAND.

ARRIVAL OF GLADSTONE.

LONDON, December 6.—Gladstone has arrived in town. The volunteers are to be entirely removed with shorter rifles.

SUICIDE.

Letters from Rio Janeiro report that David H. Sampson, an American merchant of that city, and formerly a resident of Pennsylvania, has committed suicide.

REMAINS OF PEABODY.

LONDON, December 7.—The remains of Mr. Peabody will be removed from Westminster Abby to the ship Monarch on Friday. The steamer will sail on the following Sunday.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

LONDON, December 7.—The message of the President of the United States was transmitted by the Atlantic telegraph last night, and is published this morning.

The Pall Mall Gazette, in its comments on President Grant's reference to the Alabama claims, says that the claimants are ready to accept an apology, in lieu of all damages they demand. But England cannot do more than she has already done. Time will amend American sensitiveness. Such events as the demonstrations in honor of Mr. Peabody will tend to promote unification. The Gazette concludes that the message on the whole is friendly, and thinks that the President's suggestion that negotiations be entered into to prevent similar troubles will be approved in England.

TELEGRAPHIC.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—An English company is being formed to complete telegraph communication between England and China by way of India, and extend it to Australia by means of submarine cables.

FRANCE.

DEFENSE OF THE COUP D'ETAT.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—In the Corps Legislatif today there was an animated debate. A member of the majority, in the course of his speech, took occasion to defend the *coup d'etat* of 1851. Opposition Deputies replied, expressing their disapproval. M. Rouher's remarks were particularly severe in his denunciations.

RESIGNATIONS.

The Moniteur announces that an extraordinary meeting of Council State was held yesterday, at the close of which all ministers tendered their resignations.

THE CESSION OF INDIAN TERRITORY.

CONSTANTIPLE, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Calcutta announces that the French envoy in Arum has asked the authorities to cede to France the districts occupied by the French in that country.

PROSECUTED FOR LIBEL.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—The proprietors of a radical journal, Le Raphael, have been prosecuted on account of a recent libellous article on Charles Hugo.

EGYPT.

THE COTTON CROP.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A delegation of merchants from Manchester recently had an interview with the Viceroy of Egypt, who assured them that the Government was making extensive preparations to increase the cotton crop in Egypt.

THROUGH THE CANAL.

DONDON, Dec. 7.—The yachts Cambria and Favorita were the first boats to pass through the canal after it was opened to commerce.

AUSTRIA.

THE DALMATIAN INSURRECTION.

VIENNA, Dec. 7.—Austria demands consent of the European powers to cross the Turkish territory that steamers may reach Dalmatia by land and extinguish the rebellion in that province.

RUSSIA.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 7.—The Czar has granted concession for the formation of a company with the right to lay a sub-marine telegraph cable or cables from some point on the coast of Asiatic Russia, to establish telegraph communication with China and Japan, the consent of the authorities of these countries having first been obtained.

SCOTLAND.

PENIAN AMNESTY MEETING.

DUNKEE, Dec. 9.—A large Fenian amnesty meeting was held here last night. The usual speeches and resolutions were adopted. Every thing is quiet.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 7, P. M.—Consols for money 92¾; account 92⅝@92¾. 5-20 bonds 86; old, 86; do do, 84¾; 10's, 91¼; Erie, 20¾; 17¾.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 7.—Bonds firm at 92⅜@92¾. Erie, 20¾; Illinois Central, 99⅜; Atlantic and Great Western, 17¾.

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Bourse firm; rentes 73.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7.—Cotton—middling uplands 11¾d; do Orleans 11¾d; sales 12,000 bales. Manchester market quiet. Gill orchis white wheat 9/1d; red western No. 2 8s/1d; winter 9d; receipts of wheat for past 3 days 11,000 quarters, including 11,000 American western. Flour 22s. Corn, No. 2 mixed 39s 6d. Oats 2s 11d. Pork 115s 6d. Bef 107s 6d. New lard 74s 6d. Cheese 68s. Bacon 67s 6d. Now limited cases 70 75.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Tea at 67s. 3d. sugar 73@73s 6d. Calcutta linseed oil 59s 6 @60s. Petroleum at 1s 4d for refined; spirits 1s 2d@1s 2½d. Tallow firm; Hamburg, firm at 15 marcs bancos, 6s.

HAVRE, Dec. 7.—Cotton firm in depot and afloat at 121f.

CINCINNATI.

Whisky Seizures—Donation—The Red Stockings—Revivals—Hurt.

CINCINNATI, December 7.—Extravagant rumors of the seizure of whisky distilleries in the second district prevailed this afternoon, but were exaggerated. Not more than 1 small still was seized, but there is a doubt as to making out a case.

Internal Revenue collector contributed $500 this morning to the Bethel fair. Excursion trains run at half fare on all roads, bringing thousands into the city. The fair is crowded day and night. The proceeds go to the new Bethel building.

The Red Stockings, at their monthly meeting to-night, read a report of the averages of their nine for the past season. The report shows fifty-seven games played, in which the Stockings made a total of 2,395 runs, while their opponents made 574. George Wright made 339 runs; was caught out four times on fly, and four times on fly, during the entire season. The constitution has been amended so as to make the membership and annual fees for the club double that of last year.

All the churches are holding meetings. Crowds attend, and great interest. Not many additions.

Edward Kidd, one of the proprietors of the Gazette, was hurt seriously, but not dangerously, to-day, by being thrown from a buggy.

CUBA.

Massacre of Negroes—Jordan Marching on Puerto Principe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A letter received last night from Havana, gives details of barbarities practiced on negroes suspected of being engaged in the conspiracy to burn the plantations near Sagua. They were sent in the presence of all the negroes of eight estates. Around dozens were whipped, receiving from eight hundred to one thousand lashes.

Arms for the Cubans have been landed at Mayaris.

Gen. Jordan was marching on Gibara with a heavy column.

Spanish troops had been sent to the neighborhood of Sagua.

CONGRESS.

Forty-first Congress—2d Session.

SENATE.....WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 7.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced and laid on the table preparatory to reference:

By Spencer—To amend the act of April 9th, 1866, to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights, and to furnish means for their vindication. It provides that said act shall be so constructed as to extend to all persons and to subject to the like the equal protection of its laws, and make all persons of color competent to testify in the courts of the several States as freely as if they were white persons. It also confers on the United States Courts ajurisdiction of criminal cases, in which persons are involved who belong to a class of persons denied the same rights that are declared in the first section of said act; also a bill to reorganize and call out the militia of the several States in the navy, and to regulate and fix their absolute rank, &c.

By Mr. Carpenter—To secure and protect freedom of transit within the United States. It provides that no citizen of the United States, in passing from one place to another within the same, shall be subject to any civil process whatever in any State, Territory or District, unless he is voluntarily therein twenty-four hours, nor shall his property be subject to attachment while in transit; and all plaintiffs or attorneys instituting such suit shall be liable to action for damages in the U. S. courts; provided, this shall not abridge the right of commercial stoppage in transit between vendor and vendee; and, further, that action may be instituted on a suit or the party demonstrating to the satisfaction of a court of record that it has good cause of action, and that the party has left his place of domicile and is in transit through the United States with the of intention departing from same.

Section 2 gives to the United States District Court jurisdiction of the acts contrary to the provisions thereof.

By Mr. Corbett—To amend the existing laws in relation to the internal revenue. It adds canned and preserved fish to the articles exempt by law from internal revenue tax.

By Mr. Patterson—To promote and encourage a national and industrial exposition at Washington in 1871.

The VICE PRESIDENT submitted a memorial from the Republican Convention of Virginia, held November 24th and 26th, remonstrating against the admission of Senators and Representatives elect.

Mr. Pool—Amending Homestead laws so as to require the planting of trees on Homestead settlements.

By Mr. Morton—A joint resolution declaring the State of Virginia restored to her normal relations to the Union and the Government of the United States, and entitled to representation in the Congress.

SPECIE PAYMENTS.

Mr. SUMNER introduced the following bill to amend the banking act, and promote specie payments:

Be it enacted, &c., That so much of the banking acts limits the issue of bills to three hundred millions of dollars, is hereby repealed and the existing banks may be enlarged and new banks may be organized at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, but no more bills than are now authorized by the banking act shall hereafter be issued unless the Secretary of the Treasury at the time of issuing the same shall deposit and destroy a like amount of legal tenders; and the increase of bank bills hereby authorized shall not exceed fifty millions of dollars per year, which amount shall be so distributed by the Secretary of the Treasury as to equalize as near as may be the banking interests of the different States.

Mr. SUMNER indicated the following reasons in favor of the bill:

1st—It will create a demand for our National bonds, and to this extent fortify the national credit.

2d—It will tend to satisfy those parts of the country especially South and West, where currency and banks are wanting, and thus arrest a flood of bills.

3d—It will not expand or contract the currency, so that the opposite parties on the specie question.

4th—Under it banks will gradually be strengthened, and prepared to resume specie payments.

5th—It will give the South and West the opportunity to organize banks, and will interest these parts of the country to this extent in a sound currency and a sound national banking system, by which both will be strengthened.

6th—It will, within a reasonable time, relieve the country of the whole greenback system, and thus dispose of an important question.

7th—It will hasten the return to specie payments.

The bill was tabled for the present.

RELIEF FROM IMPOTUNITY

Mr. TRUMBULL introduced a bill to relieve members of Congress from importunity, and to preserve the independence of the different departments of the Government. It provides that any member of Congress who shall after the passage of this act solicit or recommend the appointment to office by the President or heads of departments of any person in any of the executive departments, except such recommendation be in writing, or be in response to a written request of the head of the department, a king information, or by a Senator in giving his advice and consent in the manner provided by the Constitution, shall be guil y of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than one thousand dollars for each offense; and it shall not be lawful for the President or head of any department to appoint to office any person who shall be directly or indirectly recommended therefor by any member of Congress, or delegate from a Territory, except in writing, as aforesaid.

Mr. Trumbull now explained the provisions of the bill. That some reform was needed was proven by Mr. Colfax's bill, which he still had been prepared which made the appointment to office depend on the fitness of the applicant, to be ascertained by a board of examiners, but the difficulty was to organize a board which would be considered free from partisan influence. Our country was now divided into three departments. Ours was emphatically a government of checks and balances, upon the proper maintenance of which the integrity and liberties of the people depended. In some States not only were the governments divided into executive, legislative, and judicial branches, but the legislative functions were laid down in the constitutions of those States against the exercise of any powers properly belonging to one by either of the others.

While the United States constitution vested the legislative power in one Congress, the executive power in a President, and the judicial power in the courts, it did not so absolutely prohibit the exercise of any part of the powers of one by a co-ordinate branch. There were prohibitions in regard to State affairs. The appointment to office, properly an executive function was made by the constitution, but was not given exclusively to the Executive Department; indeed, neither the President nor any head of a department could appoint an officer in any case without the consent of Congress or the advice and consent of the Senate. The constitution requiring the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, to appoint all officers of the United States except those whose appointments Congress may direct, and with the consent of the Senate, to appoint all officers of the United States except those whose appointments Congress may direct, and with the consent of the Senate, to appoint all officers of the United States except those whose appointments Congress may direct, and the officers of the houses of Congress. During a recess of the Senate the President may appoint to fill a vacancy, all other powers exercised by the President and heads of departments were conferred by acts of Congress. Practically appointments had not for years been made in the constitutional mode. Nominally appointments were made, but in reality were dictated, in a vast majority of cases, by persons not known to the Constitution. Every Senator and Representative knows that the appointments were generally made by heads of Department and heads of departments were not left free to make selections with an eye single to the public good.

As a general thing no man could be appointed to any office, local to the district, unless he had the recommendation of persons who belonged to or resided in the district for a time being in Congress, if he be a friend of the administration. So arbitrary was this rule that in the instance of deficiency in the public officers, friends of the administration, being removed to make place for a friend of the Representative of the district, and on a subsequent period during the same administration the new appointee had been removed to give place to either to the former incumbent or some other friend of a new Representative, who at a subsequent election had succeeded in supplanting the former; or when nomination came before the Senate the action on it was a mere form and in many cases no other question was asked than whether the appointee was acceptable to the members of Congress concerned. In some instances influences were brought to bear to secure the confirmation of men who, it was known with the understanding that in case such a candidate would use his influence in favor of a certain Senator. The struggle has led to the creation of offices to provide places for friends of members. Then how could members of the legislative department, as the people would expect to preserve their independence as legislators when continually subjected to the pressure of matters of appointment from heads of departments? This pressure by Congressmen for official favor was no less demoralizing to the appointing power than to themselves. The President and heads of departments being dependent upon Congress for legislative support, could not disregard the wishes of members. In the case of the appointments, the speaker had been informed, a debt and credit account was actually kept with Congressmen, showing double the number of appointments and charging them with those made for them.

As the appointments actually belonged to members of Congress, the bill was now introduced allowing the employing power to obtain the benefit of the information which Congressmen had gathered in relation to their own districts by a written request to the member and his reply thereto; but the bill made it

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LOUISVILLE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 8, 1869.

KENTUCKY NEWS.

New crop tobacco is arriving in Hawesville.

A Paducah horse will pace 15,000 hops this season.

The hog market in Owensboro is dull at $3 @3 50 gross.

M. Hahn, who fell from a house in Hickman some ten days ago, died on Sunday last from the effects of his injuries.

Noah Grimes, a negro, was fined $25 and sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment at Paducah, on Friday last, for an assault upon two little white school-girls.

Rev. Dr. A. H. Tobbe, of St. Philomena Church, Cincinnati, has been appointed Bishop of the Covington Diocese, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the lamented Bishop Carroll.

Frank A. Mitchell, a youth of eighteen, was arrested in Paducah on Friday last for robbing his employer in Graves county of $1,000 and a watch. He had invested some of the funds in pin-ball clocking before he was overtaken.

Rev. Mr. Johns, of the M. E. Church North, who was caught under the seat occupied by ladies at the late Campbell county Fair, with his eyes turned heavenward, will not be tried by the authorities of his church until next November, when the conference meets at Maysville.

Hon. C. M. Clay passed through Lexington on Friday en route for New York, where he will remain for a few weeks. It is not true, as reported in the Eastern papers, that Mr. Clay intends to make his home in New York city. He will continue his residence in Madison county, Ky.

Granderson Senour, a young man about twenty-one years of age, son of Mr. Tilman Senour, residing seven miles from Covington, on the Independence turnpike, committed suicide day before yesterday, by blowing his brains out with a shotgun. He had been in bad health for a long time, which was the cause of his committing the rash act.

A fire occurred in Lexington on Saturday night which destroyed the building occupied by Mr. Steph ns as a hat store on the first floor, and by Miss McElhaney, millinery, and Mrs. Kissinger, dress making, in the upper stories. Mr. Stephens' loss is $12,000; fully insured. Miss McElhaney's loss is $5,000, upon which there was no insurance. Mrs. Kissinger lost all, amount not stated.

On Monday afternoon, Cook & Chadwick, of Cincinnati, met with a serious loss in the partial destruction of one of their green-houses, at Dayton, Ky., together with the valuable stock and all the fine stock of blooming and choice plants which it contained. Mons. Gunther, their head gardener, in making a fire early yesterday found one of the sheds and one of the houses attached on fire. With the aid of the citizens this was soon extinguished, with no very serious loss to the building, and the complete destruction to the plants it contained.

The Lexington Statesman says: "The friends of the 'Home for the Friendless Women' met at 73 o'clock Saturday, a small number, and after hearing read a new set of resolutions, appointed a committee to prepare a plan for their organization to be submitted to a meeting to be held at the same place to-morrow at 2 P. M. We hope that our ministers generally will call a meeting in this matter and will encourage this scheme by their presence at least. Charity, victim, social welfare, all demand that something be done for this fallen but sinning and sorrowful class."

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Lagrange, Ga., is organizing a loan and building association.

Richmond wants night schools established for its apprentices.

Buncombe county, North Carolina, has 3,6.3 white children and 225 colored.

A pear-tree in the orchard of Mr. Wm. McNaught, in Atlanta, Ga., was in full bloom last week.

Martin Rooney fell into a vat of sour mash in Nashville, the other day, and was scalded to death.

Dr. J. W. Cliffe, of Camden county, Mo., has been appointed physician at the Missouri penitentiary.

Hon. A. O. P. Nicholson has been nominated for Trustee from Maury and Williamson counties, Tennessee.

Rev. E. D. Tutt, of Opelika, is spoken of as a candidate with the Presidency of the University of Alabama.

Dr. Joseph Lawrence, an aged citizen of Tarboro, was killed on Friday last by being run over by a runaway horse.

J. T. Johnson & Co., of Chillicothe, Missouri, tobacco manufacturers, purchased, the past season, 3,3(0 pounds of the weed.

On the 26th inst. there were 113 male and 61 female convicts in the Missouri State penitentiary, a greater number than ever before.

The total receipts of cotton at Mobile, for 1869, amount to 2,3(2,4)0 of which only about 1,6-,(00 had been paid up to the 1st inst.

At a negro dance near Murfreesboro, Tennessee, a few nights since, one negro was stabbed to death and another was cut in several places.

Rev. Dr. Pritchard, said to be Editorial Convention of North Carolina, that there were twenty counties in that State in which there were not a single Baptist church.

Col. H. H. Waters, former private secretary of Governor Bowen, died in Macon, Georgia, on Friday last. He was a man of fine intellect and a writer of no mean order of ability.

A beautiful scoundrel fired into the camp of the fair ly of Theodore Parnell, in Edgefield county, S. C., on Thursday last, inflicting a fatal wound upon the person of a surveyor of the name of Agee. Parnell were on his way to Monmouth.

The velocipede has found its way into Americus, Ga., and its debut good service. A man named Sol. Sherouth broke his leg one other day while coasting upon the animal.

Wm. K. Tolbert, who recently killed a man named Ramsdale, was killed himself in Abbeville county, S. C., on Tuesday last, by a constable who was endeavoring to arrest him.

Alluding to the recent session of the Legislature, the Summit Times says: "We have met the enemy and we are theirs. That's all there is of it. Let no man who didn't vote for it offer to throw mud in future."

A party of enterprising gentlemen from Lee county have bought the "Savannah Watermelon" at Opelika, Ala., with all the property belonging to the same, and intend starting an ice manufactory forthwith.

Captain R. H. Fleming denies that he ever stated that the Water Top mountain is higher than the Peaks of Otter, and says he knows no fellow about the head of that mountain except himself or relatives.

Edward Stanley, somewhat famous in earlier days as a Whig politician in North Carolina, and who fought a duel with Henry A. Wise, was in Montgomery, Ala., the other day. He is now a citizen of Columbus.

The latest dig at the Alabama State Directory by the new session, is in the shape of a bill introduced in the Legislature to abolish the office of Commissioner of Railroads and Telegraphs," with a salary of $2,000, and a clerk at $1,2(.

A bill was introduced in the Alabama House of Representatives a few days ago to impeach W. H. Dennis, Probate Judge of Dallas, for misconduct in the discharge of the law for attempting to murder B. W. Young. The bill was killed by adverse report of committee.

Many of the valley farmers of Virginia are much discouraged at the present prospects of the late corn crop. Where it has come up at all, it is also, it is said, proving a most sickly experience. Rain and warm sunshine is greatly needed for its regeneration.

Gen. David Stewart, of Louisville, Lincoln county, N. Carolina, paid $1,(3) into the mint at that county, a few days since. Less for himself, for himself and neighbors, not one of whom is a voter, although all are white male citizens above the age of twenty-one years.

The subject of grape culture in Virginia is one that is exciting much interest in that State. Experiments have been made, and have succeeded most admirably. Among those there is one in Richmond, made by Mr. C. Cluster, who has produced a wine fit most equal to the best Bordeaux.

On the 25th ult., John Morgan, of Springfield, Greene county, Missouri, was thrown from his wagon by his mules taking fright and running away, and so injured that he died in a few minutes after. A little boy, his son, was thrown out at the same time and severely but not fatally injured.

During the month of November, 1,3(3 hogsheads of tobacco were inspected in the Richmond warehouses—a falling off of 52 hogsheads as compared to the corresponding month of last year. The stock on hand 1st of December, was 1,978 hogsheads inspected, and 145 uninspected; total, 2,123 hogsheads.

The North Georgia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, meets in Rome to day. Bishop Doggett, of Virginia, will preside. Among the distinguished divines who are expected to be present is Rev. Dr. Munsey, who has the reputation of being one of the most eloquent ministers of his denomination in America.

In an address to the bar of Newberry, S. C., last week, Judge Orr said: "The laws of the past will be swallowed up in the efforts, hopes and achievements of the future, and in a few brief years we are told, if not exact, the principles and the order of the past, in the prosperity, peace, happiness and civilization our common country will enjoy."

Dr. Thos. Y. Webb, a distinguished citizen of Norfolk county, Va., and one of the oldest physicians in that county, died on the 25th ult., at Deep Run. Dr. Webb was a public-spirited man, a great friend of internal improvements, and an early pioneer in the construction of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal. Up to his death he was a director of the company.

The election in Atlanta, Ga., on Wednesday last resulted in the choice of Hon. William Ezzard for Mayor. Mr. E. was Mayor of Atlanta from January, 1856, to July, 18.7, at which time he was re-elected, and continued in office until the end of that year. He was again elected and went into the office in January, 1868.

General Capron, Commissioner of Agriculture, awards to Virginia the credit of having the best organized fair he has attended this season. He especially commends the ample facilities afforded for reaching the grounds, a feature in which other fairs were less successful. Gen. C., it should be stated, was not present at the Kentucky State Fair.

The Raleigh (N. C.) Sentinel of Tuesday last offers a reward of $250 payable in North Carolina special tax bonds, for the arrest and apprehension of Geo. Milton H. Lunsford, so as to have him before the Bar of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of North Carolina, on Thursday next, to answer before the Committee of the Whole in the investigation of frauds on the State Treasury, committed under Governor Holden's administration.

The tide of travel from Georgia and South Carolina toward the West is still in full flow. The Atlanta Intelligencer says: "We saw quite a number of people going through to Texas from Anderson district, S. C., yesterday. Almost every day we hear of families leaving Georgia and South Carolina for Texas. Most of them go to the interior portion of that State, and have no eye to large towns, where they will doubtless be annoyed by hostile Indians, as well as compelled to encounter all the hardships and privations of a pioneer life."

A very ridiculous runaway case occurred in the northwestern section of Fredericksburg, Va., last week. It appears that a man residing in the section indicated, some months ago ran away to parts unknown, leaving behind his spouse, aged some sixty-two years, and several children. The wife, finding it not pleasant to live alone, brought her charms to bear upon an unsophisticated youth of nineteen summers, and he's won the precious pair became man and wife in a very summary manner, and have departed westward on a tour of connubial bliss.

The Board of Trustees of Oglethorpe College convened at Macon, Ga., on the 1st inst., and affirmed the action of the Synod of Georgia in reference to the removal of the College to Atlanta, and resolution that the Cole City property be for ever held as the monument and nucleus of a City devoted to ten or twelve acres of suitable ground on which to erect the buildings for the said institution. If these terms are not complied with by the first of March, then the Trustees are at full liberty to accept a proposition from any town or city in the State, in relation to the location and endowment of the College.

Colonel G. C. Tew, formerly Colonel of the 31 North Carolina regiment, who was dangerously wounded at Boonsboro, Md., and reported as dead, and was given up as dead by his friends and relatives, is now known to be alive and a prisoner at the Dry Tortugas. At the commencement of the war Col. Tew was an officer of the United States army in command at Fort Macon, near Newbern, N. C., and surrendered it to the State or Confederate authorities, which is the supposed reason of his imprisonment at Tortugas. He was noted in the Confederate army as a brave, gallant and noble officer.

A correspondent of the Columbia Sentinel, writing from Albany, Ga., says: "The cotton crop of southwestern Georgia is about all picked out. The crop was generally very good. The cotton crop has been gathered, and the staple averages better this season than I have ever known it. The planters are making extensive preparations for next year's planting. Land is advancing here very rapidly. We hear that there is a move on foot to get a railroad from Louisville, Ky., direct to Chattanooga, Tenn. I very much hope it may be carried, as it will greatly benefit our State, and I have no doubt but the people of Georgia will lend a helping hand."

The Indiana continue their depredations on the Texas frontier. A man named Smith was killed lately by them within six miles of Burnet, in Burnet county, and some horses driven off. The San Antonio Herald of the 18th says: "On the 15th ult. the Indians swept all the horses from the residences east of the river from Castroville up, and they took a large number of cattle and horses on the Chicon. The Herald says that they will soon pay a visit to that city. One night during the session of the Northwest Texas Conference, at Weatherford, the Indians became invisible some, and the preachers turned out and drove them away from their horses. Good for the church militant.

An old couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Kruger, a German, left Atlanta early on Sunday morning and stopped at the residence of Mr. Limcart, No. 16 Wa ts street. They acted to their room at 9 o'clock A. M., when, instead of turning off the gas, as is usual, they turned it on full head. Mr. Lamwert arose about 7 o'clock, and hearing a hiss, a noise in the room occupied by the Krugers, he rushed in and found them both in an insensible condition. Mr. K. never was to get on the floor. A physician was immediately sent for, who says, had the sufferers been discovered half an hour later, they would have been launched to have saved their lives. At last accounts they were both doing well. Mr. Lamwert says the gas was so dense when he opened the door that it nearly suffocated him.

The inefficiency of the labor in Louisiana is more to be attributed to the filthy disposition of the negroes than to the scarcity of hands. A gentleman, who was recently in Texas, writes: "A few days since we saw a train of cars in this parish, waiting for the steamer Pargoud. Three able-bodied freedmen came to the landing about 9 o'clock A. M., bringing with them a box containing about two pecks of peanuts, for shipment to New Orleans. In conversation they said that they had made a fine crop, but that the weather had been so bad that they thought a great part of it would be lost. The three waited until two o'clock for the boat. It was a charming day, and in order to ship one dollar's worth of peanuts, they lost no doubt five dollars' worth of cotton. Those around inland cases; similar instances occur every day. There is plenty of labor in this section of the country to pick double the quantity raised here, but a large portion of the small amount raised will go ungathered and much of it lost by the inefficiency of the labor."

The President's Message.

We published this document yesterday. Portions of it are well enough, but it certainly has no particular value. The people would be as wise without it as they are likely to be with it. The author of it says to the members of Congress in his first paragraph: "In a short time we must each of us return to the ranks of the people and account to them for our stewardship; I earnestly desire that neither you nor I may be condemned by our own conscience." He speaks as if all the members of Congress and himself had but one conscience among them, and to this he is probably right. But he is mistaken in thinking that he and Congress will be allowed to wait and go back to the people to render an account of their stewardship. They had better look to being compelled to render the account while yet in office. The responsibility after returning to private life won't be worth much. We are afraid that it isn't worth much now.

Georgia fulfilled all the conditions of the reconstruction acts, and her Representatives were admitted to the lower House of Congress, yet because, after all this, her Legislature declared negroes incompetent under the State constitution to hold seats in that body, Grant recommends that she be hung up by the eyelids until reconstructed upon new conditions prescribed by himself. There is no more reason for excluding her from the Union on account of an act of her Legislature than there would be for excluding Massachusetts for a similar act. If the Georgia Legislature has committed a wrong, let the proper remedy be sought out and applied. Expulsion from the Union is no such remedy. The proposed treatment of Georgia is a proposed outrage. But it is only what has been generally expected, and there seems to be no present help for her people. They are allowed no right that is not absolutely parted at them on the points of bayonets.

The President advises the prompt restoration of Virginia. This is of course right, but he entitles him to no praise whatever for magnanimity or liberality. He has had time and taken pains to satisfy himself, that, although he opposed the election of Walker & Co., they sustain, even with zeal, all the measures of his administration, and, that the two United States Senators elected from Virginia and all or nearly all of her representatives to the lower House of Congress are supporters of his policy. If the facts were otherwise, we can hardly doubt that he would go all lengths or wish Congress to go all lengths with the late Radical State Convention at Richmond in annulling the late elections, revolutionizing the Old Dominion and all her institutions, and forbidding her reconstruction under any circumstances except as an appendage of Radicalism.

The President says that "no complaints are heard of lack of industry on the part of the freedmen when they receive fair compensation for their labor." A more unfounded assertion never was made. Gen. Grant has heard a thousand such complaints and he hears them every day unless his ears are as a deaf as cast-iron colander or barley or the dog's-ears of a book. A portion of the freedmen may work pretty well for fair compensation, but loud complaints that many do not are heard at Washington and everywhere else. Who doesn't know this? What motive can the President have for asserting the contrary?

With the President's remarks upon the resumption of specie payments, we have no fault to find. They seem to us judicious. The Administration no doubt realizes that the disastrous results of sudden resumption would affect its friends no less than its opponents, and affect itself not less than its friends. It doesn't propose to cut itself off from the means of carrying on the Government. It can't afford to cover the country chin-deep with bankruptcy.

The President thinks the tariff unnecessarily burdensome, but doesn't want a general revision of it till next year. In other words, he asks that the people be required to submit a year longer to an unnecessary burden. Does he reflect how many may stagger and fall in that miserable year? Does he think a year of oppression and wrong a light matter?

The President recommends that the income tax be at once reduced, and that it cease at the end of three years. This is better than nothing, but the tax should have ceased when the war ceased. It is a war-measure projected into a period of peace. The idea of having to endure the odious policy three years more even in a modified form is outrageous. It will not be endured for one half that time unless the people are false to themselves. The remedy is before them. "Handle toward their hands."

Cuba has nothing to hope from the favor of the President. She has practically found in the United States Government a foe and not a friend. And thus it will probably continue to be until her faint star shall go down in a sea of blood. Freedom, perishing in that beautiful island, will leave her dying curse upon the powerful government that might have aided her but chose rather to aid her mortal enemy.

The President's remarks upon the subject of the Chinese amount to nothing, and this is exactly what they were intended to amount to. He says: "I advise such legislation as will forever preclude the enslavement of the Chinese upon our soil under the name of Coolies." One would think that he might just as well, while he was about it, have advised against the enslavement of the Chinese under any name. We can't see that their enslavement under the name of Coolies would be any worse than their enslavement under the name of Chinese or Yellow-skins or Pig-tails. Nobody contemplates their enslavement in the United States either under one name or another, and the President's remarks simply show that he wanted to say something and didn't know what to say. In regard to the importation of Chinese labor, upon which his political friends differ, he has simply the courage to be carefully non-committal.

Public attention will of course be attracted by what General Grant says of the Alabama claims. His language distinctly indicates that he is disposed to rest our demands against Great Britain upon the absurd and preposterous basis laid down by Senator Sumner in the notorious speech which seemed for a time to render a war between Great Britain and this country highly probable. He implies that, in any negotiation for an adjustment, not only the actual destruction of American vessels and their cargoes by British-built privateers, but all the injuries resulting from Great Britain's course during the rebellion such as increased rates of insurance, the diminution of imports and exports and other obstructions to domestic industry and production, its effect upon the foreign commerce of the country, the decrease and transfer to Great Britain of our commercial marine, the prolongation of the war and the consequent loss of many and its lives, &c.,—that all these must be computed. This portion of the message is likely to produce in Great Britain a sensation not unlike that created by Sumner's speech. If the President wants a war with her, he can without doubt have one for we are not generally thought about much more easily than peace. But, if he supposes that the will, without delivering the best fight she has in her, settle the Alabama claims upon the grounds specified by him, he is making one of the biggest and probably one of the most mischievous blunders ever perpetrated by any official, high or low, small or stupid.

The National Board of Trade.

The necessity for an organization like that of the National Board of Trade is now almost universally admitted, and those who still entertain doubts upon the subject are manifestly not familiar with its objects and aims.

From the period of waste, depression, confusion, and chaos consequent upon the late war, the whole country has at one bound leaped into wood ovs activity, enterprise, and development. Notwithstanding all of the embarrassments attending financial affairs, the immense revenues exhausted from the industries of the country, the absence of a fixed governmental policy in the management of its debt and the collection of its taxes, the fraud, corruption, venality and prodigacy of Government officials, the imbecility and short-sightedness of legislators and the continued insults and burdens heaped upon the people of a large portion of the South by a few petty despots, the condition of the country has greatly improved, inspiring hopes and prompting capitalists to put forth their best energies to carry forward those enterprises which look to still greater development of the material wealth of the country.

To accomplish this imperatively demanded not only vast financial resources, but an amount of practical ability not generally found in the national legislature, or, if there, the proof is abundant that influences have been brought to bear which have deprived the country of its service.

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Cuba has nothing to hope from the favor of the President. She has practically found in the United States Government a foe and not a friend. And thus it will probably continue to be until her faint star shall go down in a sea of blood. Freedom, perishing in that beautiful island, will leave her dying curse upon the powerful government that might have aided her but chose rather to aid her mortal enemy.

The President's remarks upon the subject of the Chinese amount to nothing, and this is exactly what they were intended to amount to. He says: "I advise such legislation as will forever preclude the enslavement of the Chinese upon our soil under the name of Coolies." One would think that he might just as well, while he was about it, have advised against the enslavement of the Chinese under any name. We can't see that their enslavement under the name of Coolies would be any worse than their enslavement under the name of Chinese or Yellow-skins or Pig-tails. Nobody contemplates their enslavement in the United States either under one name or another, and the President's remarks simply show that he wanted to say something and didn't know what to say. In regard to the importation of Chinese labor, upon which his political friends differ, he has simply the courage to be carefully non-committal.

Public attention will of course be attracted by what General Grant says of the Alabama claims. His language distinctly indicates that he is disposed to rest our demands against Great Britain upon the absurd and preposterous basis laid down by Senator Sumner in the notorious speech which seemed for a time to render a war between Great Britain and this country highly probable. He implies that, in any negotiation for an adjustment, not only the actual destruction of American vessels and their cargoes by British-built privateers, but all the injuries resulting from Great Britain's course during the rebellion such as increased rates of insurance, the diminution of imports and exports and other obstructions to domestic industry and production, its effect upon the foreign commerce of the country, the decrease and transfer to Great Britain of our commercial marine, the prolongation of the war and the consequent loss of many and its lives, &c.,—that all these must be computed. This portion of the message is likely to produce in Great Britain a sensation not unlike that created by Sumner's speech. If the President wants a war with her, he can without doubt have one for we are not generally thought about much more easily than peace. But, if he supposes that the will, without delivering the best fight she has in her, settle the Alabama claims upon the grounds specified by him, he is making one of the biggest and probably one of the most mischievous blunders ever perpetrated by any official, high or low, small or stupid.

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There is no doubt that the Spaniards practice the most shocking atrocities toward the Cubans. The evidence upon the subject cannot be questioned, for a portion of it comes from the Spaniards themselves. A Spanish mail was recently captured, and its contents have been published. As an example of the letters, we give extracts from two. One person, writing from Santa Clara, September 20th, to a friend in Spain, says: "You cannot imagine the number of deaths within the past four months—it can hardly be estimated. What between those that are killed in action, and those shot as spies or colaborers of the revolution in this district alone over 200 monthly. I, with my party alone, have dispatched nine to fer, and I will never tire of killing," &c. Another, writing from Encarcada, in September last, says: "We caught seventeen catellites, of whom thirteen were immediately shot, and all of them at the moment of dying shouted 'Viva Cuba libre!' One mulatto cried out, 'Viva Carpedes!' As he did so, a sergeant of volunteers drew his sword and ripped him open with a blow in the side, and then hacked him up beautifully."

The testimony of these letters, written in private confidence, can not be disputed, and they show to what a horrible extremity Spain has gone and is no doubt going daily in her war on Cuba. These things call loudly for a vehement protest from the United States, and they will amply justify, if a protest shall pass unheeded, a resort to direct interference in the cause of God and humanity. There is not on all the earth a government or a people that could condemn the interposition of force under such circumstances.

☞ We think that we have a distinct idea of what the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher meant when he said in his Thanksgiving sermon that there will probably be more secessions, and that *he may be on the next.* He must have meant that the New England States, shorn of their power by the vast growth of the rest of the country in population, manufactures, commerce, and wealth, and rendered comparatively insignificant in the Union, will undertake to secede and constitute themselves a separate n

Courier-Journal.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 8, 1869.

ROUND-ABOUT.

I.

Pendennis.

A writer in the London Spectator, in a long article, tells the romantic legend of the Virginia Princess, and dispels the illusion about many of the attributes she is said to have had. He gives her history and especially an account of her visit to England, and speaks of her as "the naked Hicks savage who played ninepins." He contends that all of our ideas about her beauty, piety, and of the gentle blood of the Randolphs is quite a mistake; that the final Randolph was an operative. To the descendants of the Randolphs and those claiming the blood of Pocahontas the article will perhaps prove interesting.

II.

Dr.

The feelings of the first wives in Utah towards the others are anything but cordial. These deluded women have long since been disgusted with their horrible condition, and many of them have realized their delusion and loathing of polygamy. Indeed one of that wretched old band, Brigham Young's cruelty and oppression are constantly coming to light. The facts too pertinently all of the Gentiles in the Territory and each themselves constantly to make it uncomfortable for them. The experiences of some of the women who have been interviewed by some of the reporters of New York papers are pale and pitiable. The sooner this hot-bed of licentiousness is broken up the better for the country.

III.

Paying spay.

This is the title of the lecture being delivered to women at the South Kensington Museum, London, by the learned Dr. Hexley, who has devoted the best part of his life to the study of physical science. The remaining lectures of this distinguished scholar are to be devoted to other phenomena of nature. The sensation produced everywhere by his famous lecture on "The Physical Basis of Life" will be remembered by our readers. It is thought, that, in the course of lectures he is now giving, he will announce some scientific opinions which will create even a greater effect than those laid down in his "Physical Basis of Life." As he is one of the foremost men of the day in his department of science, anything that may come from him will always be read with profound interest.

IV.

"Female Blackmailers."

This is the melodramatic name bestowed upon a lot of unscrupulous women who select their victims from among the wealthy respectable classes of New York, and proceed to so entangle them that, to avoid the scandal, evident to an expose, their victims consent to be handsomely bled. It would appear that they are a regularly organized body of Borgias, who will stop at nothing. Their plots are laid with skill, and, by the aid of accomplices, some very remarkable blackmailings is done. The New York World purposes to give an account of the order and their method of operating in the business. The ingenuity and skill with which they work down to the prey is equal to the sagacity of bloodhounds. One of these women has just been discovered in a plot to decoy a respectable girl to. They carry daggers, poison, and all the paraphernalia of violence, and are quite ready to do pseudo work.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

CHRISTIANI SCOPE is a Jew.

SPURGEON has "beard" spoken.

VICTOR EMANUEL is on his last spin.

MRS. HAWTHORNE is living in London.

DISRAELI will not follow to his "sponsors."

SHERMAN objects to the army being reduced.

AMBROSE THOMAS' Mignon has failed in Leipsic.

SAMUELS now a heavy operator on the Pitts Exam.

SIR EDWARD CUSTER is the last "swell" novelist.

ADA DAM DALTERSON is in Columbus, Ohio, on "Hia."

WAGNER, the musician "of the future," is to marry Madame Hers de Bulow, Liszt's daughter.

LONGFELLOW's works are being translated into French.

G. A. SALA is the leading writer in the Gaiety Gazette.

MOLLE. CARVALHO is the reigning female fiddle in Paris.

FUN says his last "muffin worry" of the season last Friday.

AMERICA's new novel is to be the most in order to get her copyright.

DR. LIVING examiner call his marriage Scandal.—[Tombawk.

FRANCIS JOSEPH is the best equestrian among the royalcourt.

MINNIE HAUCK has caught that sly bird, popularity, in Moscow.

CRUIKSHANK is illustrating Gough for the English in Punch publish.

DORE's illustrations of Tom Hood's poems are announced as I said.

MRS. OLIPHANT's Historical Sketches of the time of George II. is out.

MRS. PENDLETON two daughters are married to two French naval officers.

PATTI only makes the paltry sum of a hundred thousand dollars a year.

THE Prince Imperial has been made sick by his first cigar. [Cincinnati Gazette.

THE culture of Mississippi is so hard that it is impossible to make a Dent in it.

ROBERT BROWNING's only son steered the "right" of Christ Church last term.

BULWER's Lady of Lyons is again in a dreadful frame of mind about "Ourlord."

MISS STRICKLAND is exercising her genius on the lives of the Tudor Princesses.

MRS. STOWE's "True Story of Lord Byron Substantially" is about to be dump'd.

MR. HOLMES has done a Civil Service novel, "The Crime of the Second of December."

MARK SMITH has made a true take on the English ear. "Ma'k where (he) stands."

PUNCH ASKS which is the person on what one of the members of our School Board calls a "planner."

MISS. CLARISSA BETTER has her best written another book called "Tales of Life and Death."

MORTIMER is broadcloth and Editor in paper and cloth. Hare the sensations in Washington.

GERALD MASSEY is living on Limb, done to a turn, as an intellectual treat, in the form of a lecture.

KONEWKA's Silhouettes, illustrative of "Midsummer Night's Dream," will be out next week.

OLIVE LOGAN says she never saw a pretty girl but she wanted to "do her" in her arms and kiss her.

WASHINGTON.

Weird Radicals and Less Terrible Democrats—Gold Penalties—Grant to be the Nominee in '72—Style—Business Dust—Idleness of Col. Forney.

[Special Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5, 1869.

There has been an increase in the arrival of Senators and Representatives, but as yet a quorum of either house are not here. This is the "hope action" of Congress, which accounts for the dilatory movements of the honorable gentlemen. They are paid by the year, and of late years the Washingtonians complain of their close economy. This is especially observable on the approach of the long session. However, with the wonderful railroad facilities of the country, the capital is readily reached, and no doubt is entertained that there will be a quorum of both branches to-morrow.

POLITICAL LEGISLATION

Seems to be the rule in our National Legislature, and although there is a general inquisition among the members to engage in it this session, yet from the present indications that will occupy a portion of the time. There are a number of Radical Tennesseans here who relate wonderful stories about their terrible Ku-Klux and only less terrible Democrats; but what they want precisely in the shape of legislation they themselves seem not to know. They know the power is concentrated, and they tell these stories to the willing ears of certain Radical Congressmen, trusting to their deadheadism to get up some sort of legislation that will at least further oppress that people. If it do not restore to the Radicals the political power they have lost, and forever, Georgia, also, does not suit the Radical leaders, and it too will have to undergo some additional suppression from our political Procrustes before they are allowed representation. And as Texas has gone against them, there will be very considerable delay before that State is admitted back into the Union.

On the other hand, Virginia having "kissed the rod" and submitted to the required humiliation, will be admitted at an early day. It will be in fact one of the first acts of Congress. One of the Senators—Johnson—is not eligible, but his disabilities will be promptly removed, the President having determined that it shall be done.

ANOTHER GOLD BILL

Your readers may remember one of Thad. Stevens exploits in July, 1864, "old Thad." himself a notorious gambler, resolved to make a raid on the gold gamblers of New York. He put through a bill in Congress intended to restrain their operations, and the result was that gold advanced forty per cent. in a single day. The bill was promptly repealed. Now it is said that, regardless of the experience of the past, a leading Radical member will introduce a bill of penalties against speculations in gold. It is supposed that the gentleman was bit in the late operations of Jim Fisk, Gould & Co., and that is the result of his move.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Notwithstanding the quietness of the Capital there is now, as always, plenty of chat over politics. It is a conceded point in Radical circles that Grant is up for re-election, and that he will struggle still opposition. Of course, it is too early to foresee what will be the moves on the chessboard; but I venture the prediction here that Grant will be the nominee of his party in 1872. The Democracy may as well up their mind to that, and arrange to fight it out in that line. In the meanwhile the occupants of the White House

STYLE.

The latest is the adoption of "swallow tail coats" for the retainers of the establishment. This is to be in keeping with the goods, &c., imported lately from France, on which it is stated "by authority," the President paid the regular duties at the New York Custom House. And speaking of style, the parents of the new Arlington Hotel proclaim that it is one of the most stylish hotels in America, servants in livery, &c., but thus far the $5 board per day and elaborate extra, have not popularized said hotel. I imagine there will be a fall in prices, for the hotel keepers are apprehensive of a poor season. Heretofore they have been very stiff in their rates, but most of them now are glad to get boarders at almost any rates. There is a member from Kentucky told me to-day that he could live cheaper at the hotels here to rent private rooms. These are still held at big prices.

FOOD AND FORTUNE.

The ex-Secretary of State from Mississippi is rapidly recovering. He rides quite often, and daily. Whose son and daughter are to do him service." The general impression among Democratic members over that result is decidedly favorable to the Democratic party of that State. They think that they deserved just what they received for taking up such a wretched candidate as Dent. The Democratic people look that nothing is gained by any connection to Radical opinions or sentiment, and what party ever obtained victory by a sacrifice of principle?

PERSONAL.

Col. C. D. Pennebaker, the State Agent for Kentucky, is now at the Ebbitt House. He has never failed to receive from his illness of September, and his early return to his business is expected. The arrival of Senator McCreery and Representative Beck, and Gov. Rice, of Kentucky, is noted. X. L.

THE NEW CITY CHARTER.

Judge Bullitt Again Addressed Out of Office.

To the Gentlemen Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

GENTLEMEN:—The new city charter for the city of Louisville will no doubt be pressed upon your attention at an early day, and your conscientious in its provisions, urged upon you without being allowed for investigation and deliberation, some of the features of which have been deliberately prepared by a convention of members duly elected for the purpose, and adopted by the consent of the people of the city when submitted for their ratification. When this is said, about all has been said that can be advanced in favor of its passage by your honorable body. For its defects are so glaring, its omissions so numerous, its ambiguities so potent, and its injunctive powers so enormous as to strike the intelligent reader with amazement at its ratification by a well-informed constituency. Its ratification can only be accounted for on the supposition that such constituency have had no fair opportunity to fully canvass and comprehend its merits. The charter should not, in fairness, have been voted on at a general election, as it was. The attention of voters was too much absorbed in the contest over the election of favorites to the Legislature, and other matters, to be properly given to the detail of a lengthy charter. It was a master stroke to throw it into the noise and confusion of a general election, so that it might slip unnoticed through. Had the voters of the city been reminded of its defects, they always met it with the suggestion that the "Legislature could remove those defects." &c.

We now ask for its provisions that deliberate attention and amendment they so imperatively need. Prominent among its unjust provisions is the one which addresses Judge Bullitt, out of office, as attorney for the city.

Judge Bullitt was elected Judge of the Court of Appeals, for the district, by a large majority, over two able and learned judges as competitors, about the beginning of the late war between the States. He served with eminent ability in that position, giving the most unmixed satisfaction to the people and the legal profession of the State. During the war, he was proper to denounce in strong words the then administration for prostituting a war for the flag and the Union into a crusade John Brown raid. For this offense he incurred the supreme displeasure of Burbridge, sometimes, who first had him arrested and sent to Memphis, and there imprisoned for a long space of time; and, on his release and return to his official duties, boasted that he "would hang Judge Bullitt as soon as he caught him"—so quick it would make your head swim to see it." Judge B. was duly informed of the threat, and, as one in life, fled to Canada, barely by a few hours escaping the grasp of the tools of Burbridge. These facts were openly and notoriously known all over the Union, and by every one, except the members of a so-called General Assembly, which shortly after his forced exile, met at the seat of government. *They* only knew that Judge Bullitt was absent from his official duties—"had abandoned his office," voluntarily, of course, and proceeded to stain the records of their State and their own good names with that most enormous falsehood, and to address the exiled patriot and jurist out of office. Time passed—Burbridge sank from power into infamy, even the infamy of swindling negro pensioners out of pensions and bounties, and escaped punishment by reason of the gap in the law—it did not cover the case. Then, of another Legislature, one was elected, elected in the sense of the word used in the constitution of the State, and without the aid of Burbridge or bayonets. The exile returned to his home, welcomed by thousands of friends and sympathizers, stripped, it is true, of the ermine, but by a bonstringe lie, in the form of a legislative enactment. The newly-elected General Assembly saw the black lie upon the records of their country, and stamped it as it deserved, as a lie and calumny, and put the truth in its stead.

They did more. At the instance of the people of this city, their charter was so amended as to make Judge Bullitt eligible to the office of City Attorney, his residence being just outside of the city limits. He was elected with only a show of opposition by the General Council, and has filled that responsible position with distinguished ability and entire satisfaction to every one outside of the "rings." A new charter was to be made for the city, and, quietly conscious it is under full protection, Judge Bullitt is again left isolated out of office and made ineligible thereto, and your honorable body is asked in great haste to sanction this act of intentional or accidental injustice. Could Burbridge be furnished with a sweeter morsel of revenge, than that to see the action of the past General Assembly reversed by the neighbors, the city and the people, and then that act of legislative vindication sanctioned by the sovereign people of the State, by act of their representatives? How many people of the city dreamed of the act of injustice being inflicted upon a wronged, ruined and jurist when voting for this charter? Not one, we venture, outside of the instituted ring. We and I have voted some and for it; and the opposition of his friends could be quieted with the assurance that justice would be done him, and that the wrong and the outrage of Burbridge was to be apprehended. That the Legislature would prevent what was called an unintentional injustice. Now let that promise be made good. Let the act of indorsement of Burbridge be stricken out of this charter before it is enacted into law. At another time we may point out other objectionable features. Let there be no haste. Let it take the regular course.

CIVIS.

Essential Amendments.

[To the Editor of the Courier-Journal.]

The new charter of the city of Louisville has been adopted by a large majority, and, therefore, merits favorable consideration by the Legislature. There are some defective sections which can readily be amended without affecting the spirit of the charter. They are suggested as follows: In section 3, line 5, insert after "civil office," "under the State or the United States," and after "nor" insert "shall he;" in section 7 amend the sentence so as to read "propositions for raising revenues." In the last clause of section 11 make "and" for the "shall" that may pay for the work in bonds of the city of Louisville not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars per annum," &c. On page 13, in the second clause of section 13, Strike out all from "at the exclusive cost of the owners," &c. Make appropriate clause of "and in no event shall the city be liable for such improvement" without having the right to enforce it against the property receiving the benefits thereof." At the bottom of page 23 strike out "a majority" and insert two-thirds."

In section 19, as no provision has been made for the election of Mayor, until the newly-elected Council passes proper ordinances, add a new clause—"A Mayor shall be elected at the same time as other city officers, at the first election under this charter." On page 21 line 9 insert "does" for "do." And in line 10 make it read "and for failure to pay in full he shall be liable to forfeiture," &c. On page 24 add to section 40, after the word "trial," "which shall be done at the earliest practicable moment."

Insert after "Constitution of the State" in section 41 a new clause:

"The term of office of the prosecuting attorney shall be four years."

On page 59 strike out from section 62 the words "or in the name of any contractor with whom such [illegible] contract may be made."

On page 79, 3d line, insert after "true:" "And any laws thereupon because of delinquent Local bills shall be refunded by the School Board out of the taxes," &c. In the 5th line from the bottom insert "literary" before "colleges."

On page 81 insert after the word "salaries," in line 10, "subject to approval by the General Council."

In lines 13 and 14 strike out "upon the inmates by the infliction of appropriate but humane punishments." In section 99 make it read, "no member of said board nor any member of his family shall be interested," &c. In section 97, after the word "provide" in the first clause, add "without salary;" and in the third clause make it read, "for preventing the introduction and spread of disease," &c. On page 103, line three, bottom, strike out "qualified voters" and insert "General Council" and on page 51, line 12, strike out the words "and also of an alderman."

In section 120 make the clause "to prohibit the sale of fresh meats," &c. On page 54 in section 127 strike out "enforce the observance," and insert "prevent a desecration or violation." In same section strike out "do so" and insert "pursue their avocations on that day." In section 108 insert after the word "repealed" "by the General Council," strike out "this Commonwealth," and insert "Louisville." Add to section 114 this clause, "provided that this section shall not apply to female teachers in the city schools." Add to section 120 this clause "The provisions of this section shall not apply to the person giving the bribe." These are essential amendments to the charter, which its advocates should have no hesitation in supporting. The will of the people has been very decidedly expressed, that they want a new charter. Though opposed to many of its provisions at the time of its adoption, the writer considers that a minority should always gracefully yield to the will of the majority in city affairs, after a spirited and courteous contest.

B. D.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

How the Legislature Looks—The Senatorial Fight—efux of Lawyers—Radical Claims to be Considered, Etc., Etc., Etc.

[Special Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.]

FRANKFORT, DEC. 7.

THE NEW LEGISLATURE.

It is of course impossible at this time to give anything more than impressions of a General Assembly which is not two days old; but my paper stops, and these have not only upon the appearance of the members, but upon the known characters and records of many of them, I can give. And it affords me pleasure to start out by saying that I think well of the new Kentucky Legislature. Taken as a whole, the members are a very good-looking set of fellows—better looking, intellectually and physically, than most deliberative assemblies. There are many young men in the Legislature. There is also a goodly sprinkling of those who were connected in and for the "late lost cause." There are some among them, and their number is not inconsiderable, who have had considerable experience in deliberative bodies, State and National, in the years gone by. There are those long noted as men of ability, and unyielding Democrats. All this augurs well. Young men are vigorous and enterprising; those who suffered for the late war may be counted on as earnest and true men, and are proverbially liberal; and the old politicians, who, after a short time, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned.

Mr. Spalding offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms furnish each member of this House with three newspapers, to be selected by the newspapers respectively.

Mr. Pfister offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the ministers of the several churches in this city be requested to open the daily sessions of this House with prayer.

Mr. Bingham offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That all reporters for newspapers, who desire to report the proceedings of this House from day to day, be entitled to seats on the floor.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A MESSAGE was received from the Governor, by Hon. S. H. Churchill, Secretary of State. The message will be found in the COURIER-JOURNAL of to-morrow.

ACTION ON THE MESSAGE.

Mr. Pfister offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the Governor's message as relates to the financial condition of the State, and the finances of the State, and the Sinking Fund, be referred to the Committee on the Sinking Fund.

2. That so much thereof as relates to the revenue of the State, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3. That so much thereof as relates to the State Agency, and claims on the Federal Government, be referred to the Committee on the Sinking Fund.

4. That so much thereof as relates to the subject of immigration, be referred to the Committee on Corporate Institutions.

5. That so much as relates to Internal Improvements be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements. It may be that and I have no doubt but when a decent opportunity is made that it will be done. A decent opportunity is better made than a hasty session of our country [illegible] Mr. Beckham offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed on the part of this House to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives is now organized, and ready to proceed to business.

Whereupon Messrs. Pfister, McKenzie and Spalding were appointed said committee.

After a short time Mr. Pfister reported that the committee had performed that duty.

A message was received from the Senate by Messrs. Turner and Bell, announcing that the Senate was organized, and ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Harris offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed by this House to inform the Governor that a quorum is present in this House, and that the House of Representatives is now organized, and ready to proceed to business.

Whereupon Messrs. Pfister, McKenzie and Spalding were appointed said committee.

After a short time Mr. Pfister reported that the committee had performed that duty.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 7, 1865.

Closing and Arrival of Mails at Louisville Postoffice.

Close.				Arrive.			
A. M.	P. M.			A. M.	P. M.		
7:00		Eastern Mail		7:30			
	2:00	Northern Mail			1:00		
9:00		Cincinnati Mail	Boat	10:00			
	2:00	Cincinnati Mail	Rail		1:00		
		St Louis Mail		7:30			
		Ind. & Chicago			8:30		
	2:00	Shelbyville		7:30			
		Mammoth Cave					
9:00		Shelbyville & Frankfort		9:00	10:30		
		P. O. Mail					
		Bardstown			10:30		
		Lagrange, &c.			10:30		
		Lexington Mail			10:30		
		Frankfort Mail					
9:00		Versailles		9:00			
		Via Frankfort					
		Via Shelbyville		11:15	6:45		
		Via Versailles					
		Via Midway					
		Via Georgetown					
		Via Paris					
		Via Millersburg					
		Via Cynthiana					
		Via Lexington					
		Via Harrodsburg					
		Via Danville					
		Via Stanford					
		Via Lancaster					
		Via Nicholasville		